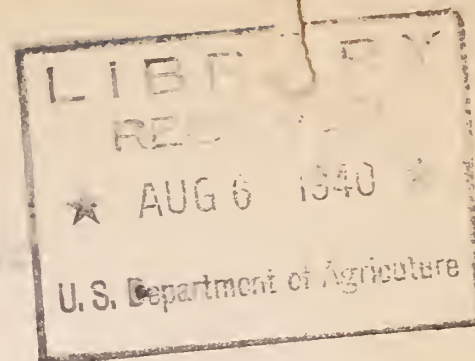


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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

No. 1

July 18, 1940

MONROE DOCTRINE UPHELD by Democratic Convention, as aid is pledged to all liberty-loving nations.

COFFEE QUOTAS assure all Latin American producers a share of U. S. Imports of this commodity.

SOUTHERN LATIN BLOC to meet August 25 at own conclave in Montevideo. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay to participate.

BRAZIL CENSORS press remarks about Chilean suggestion that U. S. must defend Americas and discussion on inter-American trade cartel, among other items.

CUBAN PRO-FASCIST (Count Nicolás del Rivero), appointed Chief of Press Relations of Havana Conference.

CUBAN FRAUD CRY raised by election losers. Ramón Grau San Martín and Associates plan appeal to electoral tribunals and the courts. Batista faces unenviable victory, according to close observers.

JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHERS caught in Chile disobeying "no picture" order on air route between Vallenar and Santiago.

GERMANS SURVEY CHILEAN airway from Arica to Santiago, reports Joseph S. Edgerton, Washington writer. Junkers plane stages informal race with Panagra craft, while carrying huge cocaine shipment for ultimate delivery in Germany.

CHILEAN SUBVERSIVES ARRAIGNED. Leaders of short-lived Sunday revolt, members of Popular Socialist (former National Socialist) and Nacionalista groups are formally accused. Brigadier Wiegold, erstwhile of German Army, also arraigned.

LEAGUE OF DEFENSE in Chile, known as "Sixth Column," watches "Fifth Column" and turns incriminating evidence over to Government, reports Russell B. Porter. Some wealthy Rightists, though fascists at heart, are supporting "Sixth Column" because they fear German-controlled regime whatever its form. "Defensa," evening paper, is the group's mouthpiece, combatting "Suplemento," Nazi newspaper. German air pilots are watched; also German colonies in southern Chile, radio code signals, secret meetings, evasion of Chilean school laws, false entry of Gestapo agents with large Jewish refugee groups.

ALIENS AT PANAMA. Canal defense projects have just been investigated by U. S. military authorities. Disposition of those lacking proper credentials is still undecided.

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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

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July 19, 1940

ROOSEVELT NOMINATION PLEASES LATINS, says Paraguayan Foreign Minister Salomoni in Havana.

SECRETARY HULL DEPARTS for Havana Conference, flanked by fellow-delegates and pledging "realistic" approach to New World problems.

CREDIT TO LATIN AMERICANS extended by U. S. businessmen only 10 percent curtailed despite economic setbacks, according to National Association of Credit Men.

SUPPLY COAL TO LATINS, says World War fuel administrator Snead. This may be wedge for keeping Latin American markets, is his opinion; otherwise, Germany will supply need and exact concessions.

LATIN SALES TO RISE despite price and credit advantages offered by Europeans, says Irving Tow, head of two-way trade promotion unit. U. S. merchandising methods will win in end, he predicts.

ARGENTINE ECONOMIC FEARS will mold attitude at Havana. Anxiety to hold European markets outweighs possible benefits from inter-American cooperation.

CHILE RAPS FRANCO as usurper, in acrimonious exchange of notes breaking relations with Spain. Latter had dubbed Chilean Government "anarchical." Chilean delegate to Havana, Schnake, calls Franco stooge for axis powers.

INTER PARTY SQUABBLES ON HAVANA parleys mark both major Chilean political line-ups. Within popular front, Socialists support U. S. trade and defense plans; Communists deride them. Rightist caucus is also split on inter-American policies.

COLOMBIAN AGRICULTURAL loans provide material for hot controversy. (President Santos' decrees involve \$11,420,000 loan to stimulate agriculture and manufacturing.)

NAZIS TERRORIZE COSTA RICANS, says "Diario de Costa Rica," by threatening Government and individuals. They whisper promises to liquidate people on special list compiled for this purpose.

PARAGUAYAN ECONOMIC dependence on Argentina will be reduced considerably by present highway construction, say U. S. experts.

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July 20, 1940.

TO SEEK ONLY BASIC AGREEMENT in principles, says Hull on way to Havana Conference. Details and machinery can be worked out later, but complete exchange of information among 21 Republics is essential, says Secretary.

GERMAN CONFIDENCE IMPRESSES LATINS. as Nazis show no fear of U. S. reactions in their threats to Latin leaders suspected of anti-German feelings.

SPANISH INCIDENT CONSOLIDATES LATINS. Several countries support Chile in controversy with Franco, recalling similar historic events. Thirteen former Spanish Loyalists continue enjoying diplomatic asylum under Chilean flag.

GERMANS BELITTLE U. S. HELP to Latin America in event of danger, pointing out that key U. S. leaders will be too busy with elections and that democratic process is too cumbersome to swing into action quickly.

ARGENTINE PAPERS HAIL ROOSEVELT RENOMINATION as bulwark against non-American totalitarians.

ALMAZAN TAKES TO MOUNTAIN stronghold in Monterrey after failing to win Mexican presidency. Possibility of civil strife looms as both sides stick to own count.

PANAMA NEWSPAPER APPLAUDS Hull's rebuke to Reinebeck, German Minister to Central American republics, for "we'll get even" threats against countries taking anti-German action.

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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

No. 4

July 22, 1940

HULL SOLUTIONS AWAITED by Havana Conference. Latin delegates, while worried over "fifth column" activities, are even more concerned with knotty economic problems. They fear taking actions offensive to Germany unless safeguarded by U. S. financial resources.

NO TRANSFER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, French and German diplomats assure Pan American delegates at Havana. This is taken to forestall possible inter-American protectorate.

DEFEND HEMISPHERE, warns Cuban President Laredo Bru in welcoming Havana Conference delegates. We must face "uncheerful realities" firmly, he avers.

U. S. BLAMED FOR EUROPEAN war in German book printed for Latin Americans. Promises of Ambassador Bullitt are cited as encouraging Britain, France and Poland to take action.

CATTLEMEN PREPARED TO COOPERATE in Pan American unity plans if not kept in dark concerning desires of American governments, says Jay Taylor, Texas cattle raisers' association executive.

NAZIS WITHDRAW THREAT by Reinebeck, Minister to Central American republics, with apologies. (Reinebeck had admonished Latin Americans to do nothing "unneutral" at Havana). Central Americans are expected to lay Reinebeck note before conference, notwithstanding withdrawal.

ARGENTINA UPS ARMY with anti-aircraft, coast artillery and marine units.

MEXICAN OIL SABOTAGE is probed by authorities after mysterious fires said to be inspired by "foreign" sources.

PANAMA DEFENSES STRONG, reports Representative Byrns after visit. More planes and pilots, however, are needed.

MUST HEAR HITLER, German Minister in Peru instructed resident countrymen, when Reichstag address was announced.

SCRAP JEALOUSIES and provide for continued action after Havana Conference, urges "New York Times." Words alone will not suffice now, warns editorial.

LATIN ART IN NEW YORK'S Riverside Museum under auspices of U. S. World's Fair Commission, of which Secretary Henry A. Wallace is chairman. Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela have artistic productions on view.

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BRAZILIAN SCORES U. S. TRADE METHODS and proposes Pan American trade institute to overcome obstacles to greater exchange of goods. Author of plan: Luiz Aranha, foreign minister's brother.

NICARAGUA DOUBLES gold shipments to U. S. for first half of 1940, as against same period last year.

PAN AMERICAN LEGION urged at Colombian anniversary reception in New York to support U. S. defense policies.

LATIN AMERICAN WORKERS ABHOR WAR, says Vicente Lunbardo Toledano, president of Latin American labor internationale, in telegram to Havana Conference.

MEXICANS TO PREPARE for emergencies by creation of Supreme Council of National Defense and conscription of men from 18 to 45, according to bills sent by President Cárdenas to Congress.

TWO MEXICAN CONGRESSES to be set up, says manager for Almazán, now vacationing in Cuba, adding that "Ours will be the legal one." (Almazán lost recent Mexican election, by official count).

ADJUST METHODS TO REALITIES, say Ecuadorian importers to U. S. exporters. Preferring to deal with this country if possible, South Americans call for improvements in pricing, packing, credit arrangements and freight rates, to compete with Germans.

PLANES POSE PROBLEM at Martinique, with danger of British capture and repetition of Oran incident within Pan American neutrality belt.

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July 23, 1940

ROOSEVELT REQUESTS HALF BILLION Latin American trade fund, to assure orderly marketing. This would go to Export-Import Bank and increase latter's lending power to \$700,000,000. Observers note that sum asked is equal to our annual Latin American trade and is timed to give Havana Conference concrete meaning.

TOTALITARIANS AVOID CONFERENCE at Havana. Boxes reserved for German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish diplomats were empty at opening session.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZES, with Cuban secretary of state, Campa, as Chairman. Economic, neutrality, and peace committees are named. Closing date of Conference: July 20.

ARGENTINA DECRIES MANDATES for European New World colonies, in note said to have been sent to U. S. by foreign minister Cantilo.

CARNAUBA WAX PRICES suffer due to Brazil's loss of trade with Belgium, Netherlands, Great Britain, France. Some weakening is due to promotion of substitutes.

CUBAN OPPOSITION ASKS ELECTION ANNULMENT, charging intimidation of voters by armed forces. Petition presented to Superior Electoral Tribunal signed by Grau San Martín and other defeated candidates.

CHILE LEFTISTS WITHDRAW from agreement to support government. Socialist general secretary Marmaduke Grove leaves for Bolivia for gathering to survey plans for Latin American leftist union "strictly nationalistic in form," in crusade "to protect the continent from outside dangers."

\$24,000,000 CHILEAN FUND approved to intensify production, Agriculture Department to get \$1,900,000; Mining, \$1,500,000; Industries, \$5,700,000; Energy and Fuel, \$8,000,000; Commerce and Transportation, \$6,500,000.

LABOR BACKS HAVANA AIMS, according to Matthew Woll, secretary of Pan American Federation of Labor. Letter to Secretary Hull expresses fervent hopes for unity at conference.

PANAMA-REGISTERED SHIP SINKING reported. Frossoula, Greek freighter under Panamanian flag, sunk 258 miles N. W. of Cape Finisterre, July 15.

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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

No. 6

July 24, 1940

HULL PRESENTS PLAN at Havana: Strengthen Inter-American Financial and Economic Committee; facilitate orderly marketing of surpluses; develop commodity agreements; improve standards of living in Americas; combat subversive propaganda; and establish inter-American trusteeship of European colonies in America for as long as needed.

ECONOMICS UPPERMOST AT HAVANA, as various prominent delegates seek practical solutions to overcome loss of markets. Many insist on more than temporary, emergency measures.

HAVANA COMMISSIONERS: Leopoldo Melo, cautious Argentine, named head of Neutrality Commission. Eduardo Suárez, Mexican finance minister, heads Economics Commission.

"QUARTER SPHERE" VS. HEMISPHERE defense is discussed by experts. U. S. defense resources insufficient to undertake protection of entire Western World, say advocates of "quarter sphere" defense. Safeguard Panama Canal area and let the rest go, is their advice.

CONFERENCE SEAT FOR PUERTO RICO asked by Nationalists, old pro-independence party. New Popular Party advocates independence later, but help for U. S. now to protect democracy.

LIMIT OF LENDING to Latin America for six or eight months would be reached with granting of \$500,000,000 fund to Export-Import Bank, says Federal Loan Administrator, Jesse H. Jones.

GERMANS ORGANIZE POST-WAR facilities for trading with South America. A Department of Sea Transport has been opened in the Transport Ministry.

ARGENTINE CATTLEMEN AND PLANTERS responsible for 45 percent of national output, resolve opposition to cartel as U. S. big stick in hands of "direct competitors."

FLAXSEED COMPLICATES Argentine-U. S. commercial relations as 28,000,000-bushel crop is reported here. Normal Argentine flaxseed sales to U. S. exceed their meat exports to Britain; hence, need for solution is seen.

BOLIVIAN TIN KING U. S.-BOUND. Simon Patiño on way to this country. Plans to remedy acute tin shortage here are rumored.

BOLIVIANS OFFER DEFENSE PLAN including railroad across South America, connecting Arica, Chile, with Santos, Brazil.

DON'T FOLD ARMS, SAYS NICARAGUAN President Somoza to Latin Americans. At opening of Managua Wharf, executive warns large and small nations of America to back U. S. in defending hemisphere.

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July 25, 1940

TRUSTEESHIP WORRIES FRENCH. France hopes U. S. will not embitter Vichy-Berlin relations. Her American possessions not covered by armistice, she avers.

SPEEDY AGREEMENT DESIRED by Havana delegates. Hope is expressed for quick action on pending problems. Adjournment on July 30 is planned.

FIRM ANTI FIFTH COLUMN MEASURES considered at Havana. Investigation of foreign diplomats' activities is possibility.

HULL PROGRAM GAINS FRIENDS, though Secretary shuns U. S. sponsorship of specific projects, preferring cooperative action. Argentina's attitude, however, is doubtful.

MESSERSMITH WARNS LIONS meeting at Havana that subversive activities undermine peace of the Americas.

LA GUARDIA URGES PAN AMERICAN ARMY AND NAVY in address at Bolívar Day celebration at New York. No time now for "high-hat" diplomacy, he says, as he advocates carrying out Bolívar's plan.

SAFETY ZONE CONVENTION developing at Havana Conference, to implement Panama Declaration.

LATIN AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINES as defense measure, advocated by Pan American Maritime Council, affiliated with Chilean, Cuban, Mexican and C.I.O. unions.

COMMUNAZI ORGANS CONTINUE RAPPING HAVANA CONFERENCE. "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" says U. S. tries to produce non-existent kinship with Latin America in hope of bossing hemisphere. Newspaper "Hoy," Havana Communist sheet, calls for defense vs. "Yankee imperialism."

U. S. SHOULD BUY BEET SUGAR FACTORIES and remove them from competition, say Cuban interests.

NO ARGENTINE-U.S. RIFT at Havana conference, say spokesmen of both delegations.

ARGENTINA MAY SPEND \$9,000,000 on airplanes and pilot training, Interior Minister Taboada announces, as bill is sent to Congress.

BRAZILIAN PAPER CALLS FOR COOPERATION against "interference of exotic ideologies." "Jornal do Brasil" sees need for strong measures.

BRAZIL TAKES HOLDING COMPANY, under expropriation decree signed by President Vargas. Brazil Railway Company, owning railway, land, cattle, packing, paper, cold storage, port concessions and hotel interests, is charged with "mismanagement, corruption, embezzlement and insolvency detrimental to the national credit."

BRAZIL SPURS STEEL PLAN by sending mission to U. S. with authority to report on purchase of \$10,000,000 worth of steel-making equipment and railroad track. Estimated plant capacity within three years: 300,000 tons yearly. This will protect Brazil from danger of foreign monopoly and increase her buying power.

BILLION CHILEAN PESOS FOR DEFENSE planned to make effective the proposals submitted to Congress.

CHILEAN PAPERS HAIL HAVANA. "El Mercurio" and "Diario Ilustrado" stress importance of Havana gathering in times of crisis.

COLOMBIA ARRESTS SPY (an Ecuadorean woman, Matilde Mancheno, having Amazon and Pacific Coast defense plans).

COSTA RICA FINANCES COFFEE exports to U. S. and Canada by loans from National Bank to small planters and \$1,000,000 revolving credit in U. S.

NO CANAL BLAST at Panama, despite rumors of 60 deaths, laid to fifth columnists seeking to create anxiety.

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No. 8

July 26, 1940

FIFTY SIX PLANS PERPLEX Havana Conference, as delegates work on reconciliations to be presented at Monday plenary session.

U. S. WIDENS "SUBVERSIVE" PROPOSAL to form solid front against foreign activities in American Hemisphere. Under new plan, all American governments would be kept informed of subversive activities in each.

ARGENTINA IS FOR UNITY of American Hemisphere, says Foreign Minister Leopoldo Melo at Havana, announcing presentation of Argentine projects for European New World possessions, inter-American neutrality and security zone, child protection and defense coordination.

ARGENTINA BLOCKS TRUSTEESHIP over European New World colonies, fearing involuntary participation in hostilities necessary for occupation, and announces counter-proposal.

REICH ATTACKS CARTEL as futile. After war, Latin American economy will be geared to purchasing power of "New Europe," while our gold will be useless, says Reich Economic Minister Walter Funk.

INTER-AMERICAN TRAVEL CONGRESS set for September 1941 at Mexico City, announces F. J. Hernández, Pan American Union's travel chief.

HITLER EYES BOLIVIAN TIN, as German press and radio propaganda and pressure on Army seek to sabotage negotiations with U. S. for smelter loans.

BRAZIL'S TRADE BALANCE with U. S. changes to unfavorable for first 1940 quarter. U. S. supplies 46.44 percent of Brazilian imports against 27.35 percent same period last year. Germany falls from top to seventh place.

BRAZIL IMPROVES TRADE abroad, reports American Brazilian Association. April balance in Brazil's favor \$600,000; against March balance against Brazil, \$3,000,000.

CHILEAN CABINET CRISIS still unsettled, as President Aguirre's illness prevents accepting Radical members' resignations.

COLOMBIANS PLAN AGRICULTURAL development, so farm income will create buying power for Colombian manufactured goods. Agricultural Bank will lend on futures. Long-term credits will go to "slow crop" producers (rubber, quinine, coconuts). Experimental stations, warehouses, cooperatives, and other farmer aids are contemplated.

TWO IMPORTANT NAZI-OCCUPIED COSTA RICAN posts are: Director of Public Works (Max Effinger) and Chief electrical engineer of government railroads (Karl Holkemeyer).

MEXICO CUTS OIL PAY in reorganization of industry to save \$2,000,000. 16,000 employees are affected, as all monthly salaries of \$140 or over get 10 percent reduction. Cárdenas, in plea to laborers, cites loss of foreign markets. Same fate may overtake railroad workers.

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July 27, 1940.

ARGENTINE AND U. S. delegation heads meet to iron out difficulties. Argentina stands for self-determination of European New World colonies; U. S. believes imminent danger demands quick, concerted action. Opinions differ as to whether divergent views will be compromised. Some believe Hull ready to sanction Conference action without Argentina and her friends, despite long-standing devotion to unanimity principle.

REICH BUYS HERE FOR LATIN AMERICA. German orders taken in South and Central America for September delivery have served Nazi propaganda purposes but merchandise is being purchased in U. S. to make good. Exporters now checking orders carefully.

GOLD LEAST OF OUR WORRIES, says Secretary Morgenthau, answering German Economic Minister Walter Funk's threat that this metal "would be useless" if Germany wins.

BOLIVIA GETS TWO-FACED GERMAN propaganda, says Russell B. Porter in "New York Times." In some papers, Nazis support Communist "anti-imperialist" thesis, rapping U. S. "Jewish-dominated" capital. In others they promise to clean up Reds in Latin America after the war.

CHILEANS RESENT SPANISH attack on their Madrid Embassy with purpose of "carrying out investigation." Brazilian and Peruvian diplomats in Spain thwart violation of immunity.

CHILE TO KEEP NEUTRAL stand at Havana in discussing trusteeship, says "Diario Ilustrado."

CHILEAN LANDSLIDE KILLS 100, according to radio reports from Tocopilla, nitrate port.

MEXICAN OIL REORGANIZATION takes effect as temporary measure until arbitration board discussion on August 5. Bond posted to guarantee workers' pay: 750,000 pesos. Laborers maintain running costs are now lower. Alleged losses due to bad management, is their claim.

MYSTERIOUS AIRPLANE IN MEXICO, says Chiapas governor (on Guatemala border). After extensive flights in Mexico, it crossed into Guatemala.

NAZI RADIO IN MEXICO, transmitting "political and subversive propaganda," reported by military governor in Morelos State.

MEXICO CLOSES 55 SCHOOLS, unable to satisfy demands of striking students for increased food allowances, drinking water, dormitories and electric lights.

URUGUAY BUYING U. S. TRACTORS and autos, with \$110,000 free exchange released by Bank of the Republic of Uruguay.

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No. 10

July 29, 1940

HAVANA CONFERENCE AGREES to unanimous declaration on European New World Colonies; convention for collective administration by Americas in case of attempted transfer (to be effective after 14 republics sign); resolution on commodity marketing agreements; resolution on curbing subversive activities by checking diplomatic privileges. Argentina joins in making concessions on details in interest of hemispheric unity.

LONDON TIMES PRAISES HAVANA accord as Monroe Doctrine milestone, though expressing Britain's ability to protect her colonies.

HAVANA WORRIES GERMANS, as Nazi editors charge U. S. with inconsistent commercial policy (attacking bilateral trade by Germany yet planning identical system for Americas).

HAVANA FAILS, SAYS ITALIAN paper, Mussolini's "Popolo d'Italia." Latins do not follow U. S. racial, religious and financial leaning toward England, is opinion.

MADRID EYES HAVANA, praising "Argentine opposition to Yankee ideas," as Falange (Spanish Nationalist blue-shirt unit) carries on extensive pro-Franco propaganda in Latin America. (It has recently been legalized in Cuba.)

PARAGUAY FAVORS MILITARY accord at Havana to implement other agreements.

TWENTY-FIVE MILE LIMIT recommended by neutrality committee at Havana instead of traditional three, because of modern artillery.

TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP of Rio de Janeiro Inter-American Neutrality Committee from seven to nine, on Ecuador's motion at Havana.

NEW FREIGHTERS FOR LATIN AMERICAN run, bought by Grace Line, from U. S. Government.

ARGENTINA INVESTIGATES NAZIS in northern province of Misiones. General Casinelli arrives there representing War Department.

BOLIVIANS CLASH at Oruro Communist convention. Rival groups of Left Front use sticks and stones. Machine-gun is turned on students demonstrating against new Leftist-controlled provincial congress.

BOLIVIA'S NAZIS are deeply entrenched, says Russell B. Porter. Hugo Ernst, Commerce Minister, half-German, represents ten German firms. Defense and Interior Ministers are German-trained generals, as is the President. Recently, mysterious Germans with no apparent business have arrived via Siberia. Some believe them to be Gestapo agents awaiting the right moment to strike at U. S. tin supply.

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BRAZILIANS OPPOSE CARTEL, voicing fear that gold will be unloaded later and disrupt market. They propose instead, three-way trade plan (U. S. to buy from Brazil with gold reserves and trade such purchases abroad for goods it needs). They call attention to well-planned Nazi campaign going on for years while U. S. does nothing to combat it.

CHILEAN FLOOD VICTIMS get aid from Government after nearly 100 are killed and 100,000,000 pesos damage is caused in North and South. Railroad service is interrupted.

COSTA RICA DELAYS NATURALIZING NAZIS in effort to counteract fifth-column activities.

MORE ILLEGAL STATIONS IN MEXICO are reported by National Defense Ministry. Two are in Cuernavaca; one in Acapulco; one in Querétaro. "Some are German-owned," says Ministry. All have given out "subversive and political propaganda and news," despite laws to the contrary.

MEXICAN ARMY PROPAGANDIZED by cards urging them to take arms against "usurpers" (Avila Camacho group, which won), when ordered by Almazán (candidate who lost).

MEXICAN OIL WORKERS threaten to strike and to have oil executives removed from office, in effort to cancel economy measures at labor's expense. They charge \$3,200,000 deficit (given by management as cause for wage reductions), to maladministration.

MEXICAN SENATE SEATS claimed by 49 government-backed candidates. Opposition candidates fail to present credentials.

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No. 11

July 30, 1940

ARGENTINES SURPRISE HAVANA conferees by announcing at eleventh hour the non-validity of their signature unless approved at Buenos Aires. Coming after apparent compromise on European New World colonies, this reservation, though termed "academic" by Argentine delegates, upsets unanimity record of Pan American conferences and gives Argentina an "out" with regard to any contemplated action against her good European customers.

AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED TODAY at Havana. (1) "Act of Havana," by which prior consent is given to action preventing new foreign powers from gaining foothold in Americas. (2) Economic protection and development program to eliminate dependency of American nations on non-American powers for commodity sales. (3) Combined attack on fifth-column activities within borders of any American republic.

COMBINE PAN AMERICA AND BRITISH EMPIRE countries in new "economic front" to deal with dictator-controlled trade bloc, advises James A. Farrell, in addressing National Foreign Trade Council's 27th annual convention.

HAVANA MEASURES GOOD ONLY IF no clean-cut decision is reached in Battle of Britain, says Walter Lippmann. Defeat of British would make Havana agreements insufficient, maintains writer.

NATIONAL GUARD TO DEFEND AMERICAS, under authority asked by President Roosevelt, to call Guard for a year's training. Authority would expire June 30, 1942.

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July 31, 1940

HAVANA PACTS SIGNED, covering European New World colonies ("Act of Havana"); economic protection; and anti-fifth column measures. U. S. delegates sail for home, as Secretary Hull says Havana Conference "cleared the decks" for action when necessary.

ARGENTINES MINIMIZE HAVANA RESERVATION, pointing out that all agreements require legislative approval; but some political observers point out that ratification of one treaty took 20 years.

CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT'S FORM no reason for taking over French colonies, says Under Secretary Welles. Havana Act covers only attempted transfers of sovereignty, official tells press conference.

LATIN LOANS AROUSE CONTROVERSY in Senate. Taft and Adams attack plan, while Maloney and Wagner uphold it, when Federal Loan Administrator Jones appears before Appropriations Committee.

FOREIGN TRADE CONVENTION PONDERES hemispheric unity to counter-balance non-American blocs. Undersecretary of Commerce Noble warns American Hemisphere must be prepared to take action to safeguard interests.

CARTEL IS ONLY EFFECTIVE METHOD to combat Axis trade infiltration into Latin America, says Assistant Secretary of State Grady at San Francisco trade gathering.

CONVERT BURIED GOLD INTO LATIN AMERICAN BUSINESS, advise trade executives at National Foreign Trade Council. England's example at end of Napoleonic wars is cited.

ARGENTINE-BRAZIL PACT being negotiated by economic experts of the two South American neighbors.

BRAZILIANS ALLOW GERMAN AIRWAYS a year to replace naturalized Nazis with Brazil-born and-bred pilots. U. S. airline already follows policy of building up native aviation by employing Brazilian pilots.

MEXICAN OIL WORKERS TENSE but wage dispute seems nearer solution. Government still takes precautionary measures against sabotage.

PUERTO RICAN C.M.T.C. PRAISED by Admiral Leahy, in statement stressing Island's importance to U. S. defense.

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